

Exhibit 39

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UNITED NATIONS
THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR REFUGEES

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22 October 2002

Sir,

It was a pleasure to meet your Deputy, Dr. Al Zaid, on 14 October. I was pleased to have the opportunity to share views on issues of mutual concern, and to be able to learn more about the impressive humanitarian activities of your organization in countries across the world.

The main purpose of my visit was to look at ways of strengthening the partnership between UNHCR and the Arab and Islamic world. I am convinced that strong partnerships are vital, particularly in view of the fact that over half of the refugees of concern to my Office originate in Muslim countries.

Partnership with NGOs is particularly important, as I mentioned in our meeting. I hope that we will be able to consolidate and strengthen the co-operation between that my Office and the International Islamic Relief Organization in the future.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ruud Lubbers', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ruud Lubbers

Dr. Abdulla bin Abdul Muhsen Al-Turki
Secretary-General of the
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